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SUBJECT: GENERAL ZIA-UR-RAHMAN'S VISIT TO IRAN AND
SAUDI ARABIA

REF: TEHRAN 5006 (NOTAL)

1. BANGLADESH AMBASSADOR DOHA LAST NIGHT GAVE ACTING
DCM FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT ZIA-UR RAHMAN'S TRIPS TO
IRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA (REFTEL). ZIA HAS EXTENDED HIS
STAY IN TEHRAN UNTIL MAY 22 IN ORDER TO HAVE AUDIENCE
WITH SHAH THAT MORNING. HE WILL THEN GO TO DUBAI TO
CATCH DIRECT FLIGHT TO DACCA SATURDAY EVENING. DOHA
SAID BDG CONSIDERS IT ESSENTIAL TO ACQUAINT SHAH WITH
CURRENT SITUATION IN BANGLADESH BECAUSE HE HAS OUT-
DATED AND INACCURATE PICTURE OF IT. BGD LEADERSHIP
HAS CONSOLIDATED ITSELF AND IS PREPARED TO PLAY
RESPONSIBLE ROLE IN EASTERN SUB-CONTINENT. FACT THAT
ZIA HAS BEEN ABLE TO BE AWAY FOR SO LONG IS ITSELF
DEMONSTRATION OF COUNTRY'S STABILITY. ZIA WILL POINT
OUT TO SHAH DANGER THAT CONTINUING POWER VACUUM IN
BAY OF BENGAL POSES AND WILL INDICATE ROLE BDG HOPES
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TO PLAY IN FILLING VACUUM. PURPOSE OF ALL THIS IS

TO ASK SHAH'S FINANCIAL AID IN ACQUIRING SURPLUS U.S. WEAPONS HANOI HAS FOR SALE. DOHA NOTED THAT SHAH HAD SHOWN HIS CONCERN FOR SOUTH ASIAN STABILITY BY HELPING PAKISTAN IN ONE WAY AND INDIA IN ANOTHER, AND IT IS NOW LOGICAL TO COMPLETE PICTURE BY ASSISTING BANGLADESH. IF SHAH CONSIDERS BANGLADESH OUTSIDE HIS AREA OF INTEREST, DOHA SAID BDG WOULD HAVE TO LOOK "ELSEWHERE" FOR HELP.

2. DOHA HAS ASKED AMBASSADOR TO SEE ZIA AND IS ALSO SEEKING APPOINTMENT WITH DEFENSE REPRESENTATIVE VON MARBOD. BDG HOPES THAT USG WILL GIVE SUPPORT TO ITS EFFORTS TO OBTAIN IRANIANHXSSISTANCE AND PERHAPS HELP PAVE WAY FOR ACQUIRING U.S. ARMS CAPTURED IN VIET-NAM.

3. ZIA IS SEEKING SAUDI FINANCIAL AID DURING CURRENT VISIT TO JIDDA. DOHA SAID HIS PITCH THERE WILL STRESS THE ISLAMIC CONNECTION RATHER THAN THAT OF SUB-CONTINENTAL STABILITY WHICH WILL BE EMPHASIZED IN IRAN.
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